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JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE COMMISSION ISSUES PUBLIC ADMONISHMENT OF JUDGE JOHN T. DOYLE

The Commission on Judicial Performance has publicly admonished Judge John T. Doyle of the Los Angeles County Superior Court.

In 2009, Judge Doyle caused a traffic collision while driving under the influence of alcohol. He was subsequently convicted of the misdemeanor offense of driving with a bloodalcohol level of .08 percent or more (Vehicle Code section 23152(b)). The Commission determined that Judge Doyle's unlawful action evidences a serious disregard of the principles of personal and official conduct embodied in the Code of Judicial Ethics. The Commission quoted the advisory committee commentary to canon 2A: "Public confidence in the judiciary is eroded by irresponsible or improper conduct by judges."

The public admonishment is available on the commission's Web site at www.cjp.ca.gov (under "Press Releases" and "Public Discipline – 1960 to Present") and at the commission's office.

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The commission is composed of three judges, two lawyers, and six public members. The Chairperson is the Hon. Judith D. McConnell of the Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District, in San Diego, California.

For further information about the Commission on Judicial Performance, see the commission's Web site.